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HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF POLICE OFFICE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

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Howard County Police to Hold Memorial Service

Who: G. Wayne Livesay, Chief of Police
James N. Robey, County Executive
David Rakes, Howard County Councilman
Family Members of Howard County's Fallen Heroes

What: Howard County Police Memorial Service

When: Monday, May 12 at 7:30 p.m.

Where: Howard County Police Headquarters
Memorial Courtyard and Garden
3410 Courthouse Dr., Ellicott City, Md.

In recognition of National Police Week, the Howard County Police Department will hold its first annual Memorial Service Monday, May 12. Members of the police department also will participate in various activities throughout the week to commemorate this significant event.

The service, which will be held at the Memorial Garden at Police Headquarters, will honor the five law enforcement officers lost in the line of duty in Howard County. The event will include a candlelight vigil and wreath-laying ceremony, as well as the participation of family members of the fallen officers.

"We want to build on our past participation in Police Week ceremonies in Washington, D.C. by commemorating the event here locally," said Major Bill McMahon, who heads the HCPD Police Week Committee.

During Police Week, Howard County Police vehicles will display blue commemorative ribbons and officers will wear black shrouds over their badges.

On Friday, May 16, two teams of police department members will participate in the U.S. Secret Service's National Police Challenge-50 Kilometer Relay Race. The event benefits the organization "Concerns of Police Survivors," or C.O.P.S., which provides assistance to surviving families of fallen officers. The race is a relay competition among local, state and federal law enforcement agencies from around the world.

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